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Title : CONDUCTIVE ELECTROLESSLY PLATED POWDER AND  
METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

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Sir:

Pursuant to their duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicants request that the enclosed references cited on attached form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 CFR 1.104.

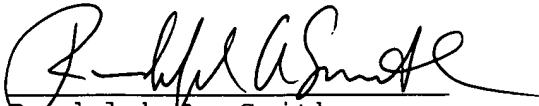
Please note that the two Japanese references discussed on pages 1 and 2 of the specification are submitted herewith. The English language abstracts for the Japanese references are also enclosed.

This Statement is being filed under 37 CFR 1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the above references and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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